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**Public Hearing
Title V Permit Application
Valero Refining Company**

Wednesday, July 10, 6:30-9:00 PM
Benicia City Council Chambers
250 "L" Street, Benicia, CA

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) will conduct a public hearing to receive comment on the Title V application of the Valero refinery (formerly Exxon) located at 3400 East Second Street and 3001 Park Road in Benicia. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm, at the Benicia City Council Chambers, 250 "L" Street, Benicia.

The Air District has made a preliminary decision to renew the Title V permit for the Valero Refining Company. The refinery produces a wide range of fuels from crude oil including gasoline, diesel, kerosene, and related by-products. The Valero Benicia Asphalt Plant primarily produces asphalt from crude oil.

The public comment period runs from June 10 until August 9, 2002. During the public comment period, any member of the public may comment on any aspect of the proposed permit. A copy of the proposed permit can be found:

- 1) On the Air District web site at www.baaqmd.gov (follow the Title V links),
- 2) In the Benicia Public Library, 150 East "L" Street, Benicia and
- 3) At the Air District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. For an appointment call May Leung at (415) 749-4729.
- 4) For a hard copy of the permits, call the Public Information Office at (415) 749-4900 or write to: BAAQMD, Attn: Title V Permit Request, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.